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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3735  
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Application No.: 09/977,401 ) Examiner: MARMOR II, CHARLES  
) ALAN  
Filed: October 16, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No. 3026  
For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR )  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - THREE MONTHS**

Applicants petition for a three month extension of time to file a reply to the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached Notice of Appeal and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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